Modernisation of Textile Mills under N.T.C.

3563. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any amount has been released for the modernisation of N.T.C. mills during 1987-88; and

(b) if so, what are the millwise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) and (b) The Government has released an amount of Rs. 15 crores during 1987-88 to NTC towards its modernisation schemes.

Hindi speaking people

3564. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number and percentage of people speaking Hindi in India;

(b) how many non-Hindi speaking States are there in India;

(c) whether Government think that it is time for propagating Hindi all over the country; and

(d) if not, whether Government would stop the Government departments from implementing Hindi as the only official language?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) According to 1981 Census of India (excluding Assam), the number and percentage of Hindi speaking people were 26,41,89,057 and 39.94 per cent respectively.

(b) The number of Non-Hindi speaking States in India is 19.

(c) and (d) Hindi is the official Language of the Union. Initially English was permitted to be used for all the purposes of the Union for a period of fifteen years from the commencement of the Constitution. This period has been extended by the Official Language Act, 1963. According to the provision made in the Official Language Act, 1963, English will continue to be used for the Official purposes of the Union until Resolutions for its discontinuance are passed by the Legislatures of all the States which have not adopted Hindi as their official language, and, until after considering Resolutions aforesaid, a Resolution for such discontinuance has been passed by each House of Parliament. The implementation of the official language Hindi in the Government Departments etc. is being done in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, the Official Language Act, 1963, and the Official Language Resolution 1968 passed in both Houses of Parlament.

P.F. Scheme Extended by Regional Rural Banks

3565. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Regional Rural Banks of all States, except Bihar, have extended the benefit of Provident Fund Scheme on expiry of three years from the date of concerned RRB's establishment to its regular or temporary daily-waged, part-time messengers as per Employees' Provident Fund Act;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for which the Regional Rural Banks of Bihar are not extending this benefit to their daily-waged messengers;

(c) whether steps are being taken to ensure that all the States Regional Rural Bank managements strictly implement the EPF Act and rules without any exception; and

(d) what action has been taken in respect of RRB in Bihar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (d) Regulation 56 of the Staff Services Regulations framed under section 30 of the Regional Rural Banks Act 1976 provides for the extension of benefit of provident fund to all Officers and Employees